204 177 647 433 Operating within the Austrian Productivity Center there is a sub-section for "Technical Assistance." This provides Austrian experts of various establishments with opportunities to acquaint themselves with the latest developments of their business lines in the United States. The results of these study trips are evaluated in a publication Die Studienreise, in which the impressions and experiences of the technical assistance delegation are brought to the attention of a large circle of interested persons. The first publications are entitled Moderne Holzernte (Modern Lumber Crops) and Gäste aus Amerika (Guests from America). To acquaint the public at large in a comprehensive manner with the productivity problem, a popular pamphlet series Der Ausweg (The Way Out) has been published, its first number being entitled Produktivitätssteigerung--der Ausweg (Greater Productivity - the Way Out).

Particularly valuable for the exchange of ideas, formulas, etc., is the Economic Technical Information Service of the Austrian Productivity Center which developed into a liaison office between domestic and foreign information centers. Collaborating with Technical Assistance, it answers inquiries about American production processes, firms and equipment, and loans small-sized motion picture films and projection apparatus. It further provides, in cooperation with OEEC countries, trade or professional journals and books, furnishes excerpts of the latest American professional literature ("Digest and Abstracts Service") and answers inquiries about American licenses and patents. This service is supplied and supported by a documentation center.

647 816 [204] A special cooperation for the furtherance of statistics exists between the Oesterreichisches statistisches Zentralamt, Wien (Austrian Statistical Central Office, Vienna), and the Institute of Economic Research. The Statistical Central Office publishes monthly, in collaboration with the Committee of Economic Central Offices and Chambers, the official Statistische Nachrichten (Statistical News), the editor-in-chief of which is presently Hofrat Dozent Dr. Arnold Madlé. In this connection the Oesterreichische Statistische Gesellschaft (Austrian Statistical Society) should also be mentioned. It was established March 31, 1951, for the purpose of cultivating statistics in all sections of the social and natural sciences besides furtherance of statistical teaching. Chairmen of the board of trustees are: the president of the Austrian Statistical Central Office,